

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

EASTERN CAROLINA BBQ THROW DOWN

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, 2008 marks the inaugural celebration of the Eastern Carolina BBQ Throw Down, sponsored by the City of Rocky Mount Parks & Recreation Department and the Nash County Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, this competition is the main event held at the 27th annual Down East Festival of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, this competition will bring together competitors from across the nation to compete for winning titles in poultry, pork ribs, pork shoulder, and beef brisket categories; and

WHEREAS, this festival and competition attracts more than 35,000 attendees from all over the state of North Carolina and the country as the result of fun activities for the entire family, main stage entertainment attractions, over 100 arts & crafts vendors and the reputation as a nationally sanctioned barbecue contest; and

WHEREAS, this event shall be known as a North Carolina State Barbecue Championship;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 10-11, 2008, as the "EASTERN CAROLINA BBQ THROW DOWN" in North Carolina and urge all citizens to commend its observance.



MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this nineteenth day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.